

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED BY THE STATE OF MS REGARDING**

### **THE FIRST SUBMISSION OF THE STATE PLAN**

#### **General Comments**

The state received general comments regarding grammar, typos, and punctuation throughout the document.

The state received general comments regarding spelling out acronyms.

The state received general comments regarding formatting throughout the document.

The state was asked to provide more detail (regarding specific tasks to be completed and partnering agencies) for all implementation plans contained within the document.

The state received general comments regarding start and end dates for certain tasks within implementation plans.

#### **Specific Comments**

1.1.2. The state was asked to confirm the name of State Administrator and Co-Administrator.

1.3.1. The state was asked to provide more detail throughout this section regarding consultation in the development of the State Plan.

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1.4.1. The state was asked to provide more detail throughout this section regarding coordination with partners to expand accessibility and continuity of care.

1.6.1. The state was asked to provide more detail regarding public private partnerships

2.2.3. The state was asked to clarify how consumer education information is shared with parents, providers, and the general public. The state was also asked to clarify what information is available in other languages.

2.2.4. The state was asked to clarify what consumer education is available as of the effective date of the Plan (June 1, 2016). Any plans the state has to expand current efforts should only be included in an implementation plan.

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2.2.7. The state was asked to clarify how resources (specifically regarding social-emotional/behavioral health) is made available to parents and providers.

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2.2.9. State was asked to provide more detail regarding substantiated parental complaints.

3.1.4. The state was asked to provide the current (as of June 1, 2016) eligibility limits for families. The state was asked to remove information about its plans to update eligibility limits to align with the current State Median Income (SMI). The state has been asked to amend this information at a later date.

3.4.1. The state was asked to provide the current (as of June 1, 2016) copays for families. The state was asked to remove information about its plans to update copays to align with the current State Median Income (SMI). The state has been asked to amend this information at a later date.

4.1.1. The state was asked to provide more detail regarding the slot program.

4.1.5. The state was asked to clarify under what circumstances a family child care provider would be allowed to provide care in excess of 24 hours.

4.2.3. The state was asked to provide more detail throughout this section regarding the Market Rate Survey.

4.4.1. The state was asked to reflect current payment practices (as of June 1, 2016) within the State Plan. Any plans the state has to update payment rates or eligibility guidelines should not be included in the Plan at this time, but rather, should be amended at a later date.

5.1.2. State was asked to clarify how license exempt providers are monitored.

5.1.4. The state was asked to clarify the policy regarding group sizes and the size of the room in the child care facility.

5.1.6. The state was asked to clarify current policies (as of June 1, 2016) regarding provider training related to nutrition as well as child abuse and neglect.

7.2.2. The state was asked to focus on current efforts rather than future plans in this section regarding the QRIS.

7.3.1. The state was asked to focus on current efforts rather than future plans in this section regarding improving the supply and quality of the child care programs and services. The state was also asked to be more specific throughout this section.

7.3.2. The state was asked to focus on current efforts rather than future plans in this section regarding improving the supply and quality of child care programs and services.

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8.1.1. The state was asked to focus on current efforts rather than future plans in this section regarding program integrity.

8.1.2. The state was asked to clarify the regularity with which program integrity efforts occur.

8.1.3. The state was asked to provide more detail in this section regarding program integrity.

8.1.5. The state was asked to clarify whether or not monitoring efforts were currently in place.

8.1.6. The state was asked to clarify the appeal process following client disqualification.